

In the Abstract

Please amend the abstract to read as follows:

D The present invention relates to ~~peptides of one or more portions of the human chorionic gonadotropin β -chain as well as methods for treatment and prevention of diseases, including HIV infection, cancer and wasting syndrome, and methods of promoting hematopoiesis using human chorionic gonadotropin, employing the β -chain of human chorionic gonadotropin, peptides containing a sequence of one or more portions of the β -chain of human chorionic gonadotropin and derivatives and analogues thereof.~~ The invention further relates to fractions of sources and or preparations of human chorionic gonadotropin, such as fractions of human early pregnancy urine, which fractions have anti-HIV activity, ~~anti-cancer activity, anti-wasting activity, and/or pro-hematopoietic activity.~~ The present invention further relates to pharmaceutical compositions comprising such fractions for treating the effects of ~~and/or preventing~~ HIV infection, ~~cancer, and/or wasting, and/or for promoting hematopoiesis.~~